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Beginning in June 1994 and culminating in June 1995, men and women from small businesses in every state of the nation will have an opportunity to forge a strong economic foundation for a new century. The White House Conference on Small Business is an independent commission charged by Congress to identify the most pressing challenges facing the small business community. Through a consensus-building process, conference participants will propose a small business "action agenda" to the Clinton administration and Congress.

Thousands of small business owners and employees in state conferences nationwide will increase awareness of the critical role small businesses play in the national and global economy.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
Chicago, April 11, 1995

The first step on the road to the National Conference is to participate in the Illinois conference in Chicago-April 11, 1995. Participants will identify key issues of concern to small businesses and then elect delegates to the National Conference. Twenty-two delegates will be elected at each of the Illinois Conferences, (*Springfield 1994 and Chicago 1995*) for a total of 44 elected Illinois delegates.

RECEPTION AND NETWORKING
Participants and observers also are encouraged to attend the White House Conference Reception the evening before the conference at the Hyatt Regency - Chicago. The reception provides an opportunity to discuss the key issues of concern to Illinois small business. For more information about the reception, call 312/814-8841 or 217/524-5856. TDD: 800/419-0667 or 800/785-6055.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Following the state meetings, delegates may attend regional meetings to foster consensus and sharpen the focus of the National Conference.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
June 11-15, 1995

The National Conference in Washington, D.C., will feature daily issue sessions, official White House functions, speakers from the Clinton administration and social events. In addition to the elected delegates, delegates appointed by President Clinton, members of Congress, and the nation's governors also will participate.

The conference will conclude with balloting by elected and appointed delegates on the ranking of policy recommendations to submit to President Clinton and Congress.

DELEGATE SELECTION

A participant wishing to vote for or run as a delegate must attend the conference in the state in which he or she resides. To be eligible, an individual must be an owner, corporate officer, or employee of a business employing fewer than 500 people.

Delegates also must be able to pay all expenses to the National Conference in Washington, D.C. If a delegate can establish that the expense would constitute a financial burden, however, a delegate may seek reimbursement for transportation, meals, and lodging.

If you wish to have your name included on the delegate ballot, please check the appropriate box on the registration form below.

Individuals who do not meet the delegate criteria may attend any conference as an observer, but may not take part in issues discussion, delegate election or run as a delegate.

REGISTRATION

Please fill out the registration form, detach and send with your check to the following address: The White House Conference on Small Business, 1800 G Street, Suite 1233, Washington, D.C. 20006-4407. If you are attending as an observer, please note on the registration form. Pre-registration by mail is encouraged. Those who do so will receive an advance copy of the comprehensive Issue Handbook to assist in preparing for the state conferences.

On-site registration will be available only on conference mornings. All participants will attend state conferences at their own expense.

For additional information, please contact The White House Conference on Small Business at 202/724-0891; TDD, 202/456-6213.

Please join small business leaders from across the country to build the foundation for a new century!

CHICAGO CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name ..... Title/Position .....

Name of Business or Firm .....

Address .....

City/State/Zip Code .....

Business Telephone ..... Business Fax .....

❍**Enclosed please find my check for $40 for pre-registration** *(on-site registration will be $50).* No cash will be accepted. Fee includes registration, meal, and refreshment costs. Participants who register more than two weeks in advance will receive a copy of the Issue Handbook by mail. Participants who register later will receive the Handbook at registration.

❍**Please check here if you will be attending as an Observer.**

❍**Please check here if you require special accommodations.** (Special needs:.....)

Please make checks payable to the **The White House Conference on Small Business (WHCSB)** and return along with registration form to: WHCSB, 1800 G Street NW, Suite 1233, Washington, D.C. 20006-4407.

Please rank the three issues of most importance to you (1=most important)

_____Capital Formation
_____Community Development
_____Environmental Policy
_____Human Capital
_____Technology/Information Revolution
_____International Trade
_____Procurement
_____Regulation & Paperwork
_____Taxation
_____Other.....

❍**Yes,** I will be staying at an official White House Conference on Small Business hotel. *To receive the special rate, please contact the Hyatt Regency - Chicago directly and mention that you are a participant.*

❍**Yes,** I am interested in running as a delegate to the National Conference. I qualify as a delegate candidate *(see guidelines above).*

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and Community Affairs
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White House Conference on Small Business Illinois Delegates

(As of 1/1/95)

Elected Delegates

Thelma Ablan
Sharon R. Beard
Ida Bialik
Robert A. Bonifas
Karen L. Coppoletti
Richard T. Coppoletti, M.D.
L. Gay Davidson
Robert J. Davis
Richard A. "Dick" Gleichman
Albert Owen Griffiths, D.V.M.
Hazel A. King
Christopher J. Lauzen
James J. McGlynn
Marilu Meyer
James L. Oliver
Garry H. Peterson
Babette Peyton
Kevin W. Reger
Robbie Smith
John F. Sohl
Lori Threatt
Kathryn Ward

Appointed Delegates

Linda L. Vala
(appointed by Governor Jim Edgar)

John W. Bonds Jr.
(appointed by Senator Paul Simon)

Myrna Ordower
(appointed by Senator Carol Mosely-Braun)

Hedy Ratner
(appointed by Congresswoman Cardiss Collins)

Carol Keeney
(appointed by Congressman Jerry Costello)

Guy W. Courtney
(appointed by Congressman Phil Crane)

Jim Ashworth
(appointed by Congressman Richard Durbin)

Drew Debrey
(appointed by Congressman Lane Evans)

John Piland, Esq.
(appointed by Congressman Thomas Ewing)

Vern McCarthy
(appointed by Congressman Harris Fawell)

Laticia Herrera
(appointed by Congressman Luis Gutierrez)

Peter Orum
(appointed by Congressman Dennis Hastert)

Richard S. Rosenberg
(appointed by Congressman Henry Hyde)

Sandra Carolan
(appointed by Congressman William Lipinski)

Perry Moy
(appointed by Congressman Donald Manzullo)

Chip Backlund
(appointed by Congressman Robert Michel)

Alan Sklar
(appointed by Congressman John Porter)

LuAnne Walker Maddox
(appointed by Congressman Glenn Poshard)

Leander Brown
(appointed by Congressman Mel Reynolds)

Thomas L. McLeary
(appointed by Congressman Bobby Rush)

Stella Black
(appointed by Congressman Sidney Yates)

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Tips for Running as a Delegate

Pre-planning is critical. Many of the delegate candidates have run at previous conferences, so the level of sophistication in campaigning should not take you by surprise.

Be informed about the issues. Study the Issue Handbook provided to all pre-registrants. (Pre-registrants will receive a copy prior to the State conferences.)

Plan to attend and announce your delegate candidacy at local small business community functions prior to the state conferences.

Encourage your small business peers to attend their state conference and support your candidacy.

Arrive early to the conference sites and take advantage of any early networking opportunities, receptions and meals with your colleagues from across your state.

Make the most of the time you have to campaign during the registration period, breaks and prior to the plenary sessions. Keep in mind that you are limited in the amount of time and places you can campaign— formal campaigning is not permitted in the meeting rooms.

If you plan to offer an issue recommendation in one of the morning breakout sessions, announce your candidacy at that time — this is a good opportunity to demonstrate your leadership abilities and knowledge of the issues. (However, do not plan to use this opportunity to present your life story to the room, or you will be cut off by the moderator.)

Distribution of campaign bios, brochures, buttons, and other materials are permitted only outside the meeting rooms.

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